

## EXTRA SESSION SET FOR APRIL 1

President-Elect Names Date After Getting Information From House Leader.

REFUSES TO TELL TOPICS

Wilson Says Reasons for Calling Extra Session Will Be Found in First Message.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 24.—President-elect Wilson today announced that the extra session of Congress would be convened April 1.

In reply to a question, President-elect Wilson said:

"I will make no announcement of the subjects that I will recommend for consideration by the extra session until after I get to Washington—in fact, until I send in my message to the extra session."

Tariff Revision Probable.

It is assumed that tariff revision will be urged, and it is believed probable that currency reform will be suggested for simultaneous enactment. Governor Wilson has not indicated what subjects he will ask to be considered, but it is understood he feels it is necessary that the currency be reformed as soon as possible.

Governor Wilson said he had waited before getting the date of the extra session until he learned the "state of preparedness of Congress." The information on this point, he said, had been sent him by Democratic Leader Underwood of the House.

He said he understood a caucus of House Democrats to select a Ways and Means Committee would be held March 5.

Calling of Extra Session of Congress

Excites Capitol

Announcement from Trenton today that President-elect Wilson had called the extra session to begin April 1 was received at the Capitol this afternoon. It excited the utmost interest among Senators and House members.

The date was substantially what has been expected for some days. No surprise was caused on this score. The revision of the tariff, it is of course, the chief purpose of the extra session. But it may reach far beyond the tariff in dealing with important matters.

The shadow of the Mexican situation hangs deep over the Capitol. Anxiety and pessimism prevail because of it. Democratic leaders are fearful and worried lest the storm break soon after March 4, and a Democratic Congress will be driven to decrease intervention.

Bitter fights over patronage and reorganization at each end of the Capitol are also causing trouble in the Democratic camp. Both House and Senate will reorganize.

The currency question will be seriously considered at the special session and the opinion is growing that action may be taken on it. It is not believed, however, that any preliminary work will be done on it. The trust question will be considered in a preliminary session of the extra session, but it is not believed that legislation on it will be had in the extra session.

One of the tasks of the extra session will be confirmation by the Senate of hosts of Democratic appointments.

All Fools' Day Pleases

House Leaders as aDte For the Extra Session

Governor Wilson's selection of All-Fools' Day for the beginning of the extra session pleased leaders in the House today.

Oscar W. Underwood, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, declared that he will have the tariff bill ready for immediate consideration. A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania regarded the selection as a direct slap at the calamity howlers.

"I think All-Fools' Day is a lucky selection," he said, "and it will be a disappointment to the men who have been predicting calamities and miseries." Other members of the House expressed their satisfaction at Mr. Wilson's decision.

Lord Leigh at White House.

Lord Leigh, of Stonleigh Abbey, England, called at the White House today to pay his respects to the President. Lord Leigh was accompanied by his daughter, a beautiful noblewoman in his way to Jamaica.

WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.

Show this afternoon and tonight. Tuesday probably fair, but temperature tonight about 20 degrees.

TEMPERATURES.

U. S. BUREAU.

High tide, 10:12 a. m. and 11:10 p. m. Low tide, 4:31 a. m. and 5:15 p. m.

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises, 6:40 Sun sets, 6:53

## Senate Leader



SENATOR JOHN W. KERN.

Complete control of the next Senate by the "Bryan" Democrats was assured today when pledges of twenty-seven Democratic members of the upper House to support Senator Kern for the leadership were confirmed.

Senator Kern is called Bryan's closest ally in Washington.

Rumors that Minority Leader Martin will withdraw from the race in caucus were not authenticated.

PRICE RESTRICTION

IS VOTED BY HOUSE

Bill Aimed at Overcharges to Inauguration Visitors Makes Violation Misdemeanor.

Hotel and restaurant keepers and merchants increasing their usual prices in inauguration week will be guilty of a misdemeanor under the Johnson bill, which passed the House this afternoon by a vote of 119 to 65.

Efforts to block the bill with amendments exempting contracts already made with hotels and restaurants failed.

The bill as passed places restrictions not only on inaugural week prices but likewise on prices for holidays which attract large crowds to Washington.

Minority Leader Mann pointed out that the original bill would make the District Commissioners the only persons liable. They could be found guilty if they did not revoke the licenses of any hotels, restaurants, or vehicle companies charging more than usual rates.

Following this warning, Congressmen promptly introduced an amendment making any hotel, restaurant, vehicle company, or merchant guilty of a misdemeanor if during the inaugural week or on a special holiday, he should raise his regular rates.

The measure as "loose legislation," and Congressman Burke of Pennsylvania, declared that the measure was a distinct hardship on the hotels and restaurants which claim that they are forced to turn out this week's guests Saturday night and then wait after inauguration week for several days to refill their houses.

MAN CHARGED WITH THREATS ARRESTED

Denton, Md., Fanatic Said to Have Predicted Wilson and Taft Would Be Killed.

Central Office Detective Charles Evans returned to Washington today from Denton, Md., where, acting under instructions from Major Sylvester, he caused the arrest of Isaiah R. Clark, who is said to have been making alleged threats against President Taft and President-elect Wilson.

Major Sylvester received word the middle of last week that Clark was coming to Washington last Saturday. The major immediately sent Detective Evans to Denton, and, following the officer's investigation of Clark, the county officials took him in charge for an inquiry as to his mental condition. Clark is said to have made public statements that President Taft would be killed last Saturday and that Woodrow Wilson would survive but a short time after his inauguration.

Carrying a bundle of Socialist papers under his arm, Clark has been a familiar figure on the streets of Denton for several weeks. He asserted that he had a "mission" to reform political and economic conditions. It is also asserted that he is said to have told people he had "the divine right to kill."

Major Sylvester said that while Clark might be only a harmless fanatic, it might be advisable to take steps to have him taken care of before he came to Washington.

## PILGRIMS' BLOOD SHED FOR CAUSE

Women Toil Over Rough Roads With Feet Torn by Hard March to Capital.

FIGHT COLD AND SNOW

Second Contingent of Little Band Arrives at Baltimore From Overlea Today.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 24.—Declining to attend many entertainments offered them, the suffrage hikers are spending today in a real day of rest.

The small body, under "Colonel" Ida Kraft, that strayed from the main body yesterday and spent the night with sympathizers in Overlea, came into Baltimore at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon surrounded by a throng of enthusiasts, who escorted them to the Hotel Stafford, where they joined "General" Rosalie Gardner Jones and her cohorts. Two of the members of the little band are nursing bleeding feet.

Pilgrims "All In."

"General Jones and her hiking companions are all in," they absolutely refused today to be entertained, ignored arrangements made for their welcome and simply relaxed in a glorious rest, treating aching feet for further endeavors and feeding appetites that have grown immensely.

Tomorrow the rejuvenated hikers again taking interest in the doings of ordinary mortals. Will attend a luncheon provided by the Jovian order, an electrical body here, and will get in a few suffrage arguments at local playhouses and on street corners. The start for Washington will be made Wednesday morning.

Resting in Morning.

General Jones rested until noon and then the whole army of hikers were entertained at luncheon by Mrs. Donald H. Hooker, suffragette leader in Baltimore, at her home in Gwynn's Falls, a suburb of Baltimore. Forty guests attended the luncheon and reception afterward.

Tonight General Jones will attend the medical hygiene congress which is meeting this week in Baltimore, where she will make an address.

During the afternoon and evening Miss Elizabeth Freeman, who is the most prominent speaker in the army, will speak to the footsore hikers at the street corners and in several moving picture shows. Miss Freeman is not expected to leave Baltimore until the morning of the army, but she will deliver her talks if her feet do hurt.

Looked Tired.

The appearance of both contingents of the army was that of "tucked out" when they arrived in Baltimore. The contingent led by Gen. Rosalie Jones was almost out when they arrived in Baltimore last night, but a night's rest did them all a world of good. The other contingent was in little better shape, having had to contend with untold quantities of mud on the way to Baltimore.

The snow so far has given them little trouble except so far as mud and wetness is concerned. The cold has rather more than other ailments, and the leaders declare that just as soon as they have had a day and a night in which to cure their feet of blisters and (Continued on Second Page.)

TAFTS PACKING UP FOR GET-AWAY DAY

Busy Scenes at White House Preparatory to Their Departure From the Capital.

The White House was the scene of a busy activity today, the hectic and hurried being incident to the final get-away of the Taft family, bag and baggage, eight days hence. Rough garbed employees of a Washington storage house tramped over rich carpeted floors, moving out loads of books and furniture, and the private property of the Tafts.

On the upper floors a half dozen maids selected bits of feminine finery and packed them away in a half dozen trunks, finally bound for the Hotel Taft, New Haven.

Mrs. Taft and Miss Helen are prepared to leave Washington promptly on the afternoon of March 4. They will join Citizen William Howard Taft at the Union Station at 5 o'clock, immediately after inauguration of President-elect Wilson.

Joining the family of Henry W. Taft, in New York, all will go to Augusta, Ga., where they will stay at a hotel until March 25. The W. H. Taft family will then go to New Haven, where the former President will take up his duties at Yale University.

Included among the raft of Taft belongings to be placed in safe keeping, temporarily in Washington, are the costly gifts President and Mrs. Taft received on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary.

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## MORE TROOPS GO TO TEXAS; TRIAL OF ASSASSINS BEGINS

### MEXICAN GUARD COMMANDER IS ARRESTED

Huerta and Cabinet Assert They Will Try Hard to Find Slayer of Madero.

BODIES GIVEN TO FAMILIES

Action Follows Demand Made by Ambassador Wilson for Widows of Deposed Men.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 24.—Major Cardenas, commander of the escort of rurales with Madero and Suarez when they were assassinated, was arrested today and Vasquez Tagle, military prosecuting attorney, began an investigation of the killing.

This action followed a cabinet meeting that lasted into the early hours, after which it was announced that President Huerta's advisers would make every effort to discover and punish the assassins.

Diplomats To Get Facts.

Official announcement was made that, in view of the charges in connection with the killing, copies of all testimony and documents bearing on the inquiry would be furnished to the diplomatic corps.

The bullet-riddled bodies of Madero and Suarez were turned over to their families today after Ambassador Wilson demanded that such action be taken. It is a popular belief today that the formality of a government autopsy over the bodies of Madero and Suarez was held mainly to cover up powder marks and other indications tending to show that the men were slain by executioners among their supposed guards.

It is reported that Madero's hair was actually burned by the flame from the weapons that killed him, and that when the body was examined after being turned over to his family, the hair had been entirely cut away from the wounds.

Powder Stains Found.

Suarez's clothing, it is said bore powder stains around the bullet holes. The clothing had been changed when the body was sent to his relatives.

The body of Madero was received at the home of his sister, Senorita Mercedes, the heroine who, when refused permission to see the body at the penitentiary, a few hours after the killing, hurled anathemas upon the heads of the executioners.

Senorita Mercedes, widow of the late President, and her sister-in-law, one of the most beautiful women in Mexico, a social leader here and in Paris, drove to the prison as soon as rumors of what had happened reached them. The widow's grief was pitiable, but Senorita Mercedes retained perfect control and acted as the spokeswoman for the party.

The officer in charge was courteous, but inexorable in his refusal to permit the women to enter. While they were engaged in colloquy, another automobile bearing Senorita Suarez drove up on a similar errand. She, too, was refused permission, to enter the prison.

Urged To Depart.

"My advice, señoras," said the Mexican officer, "is that you return at once." (Continued on Fifth Page.)

BAY WINDOW IS NOT PARTY WALL

Wisconsin Avenue Man Must Prune His Building Over Neighbor's Line.

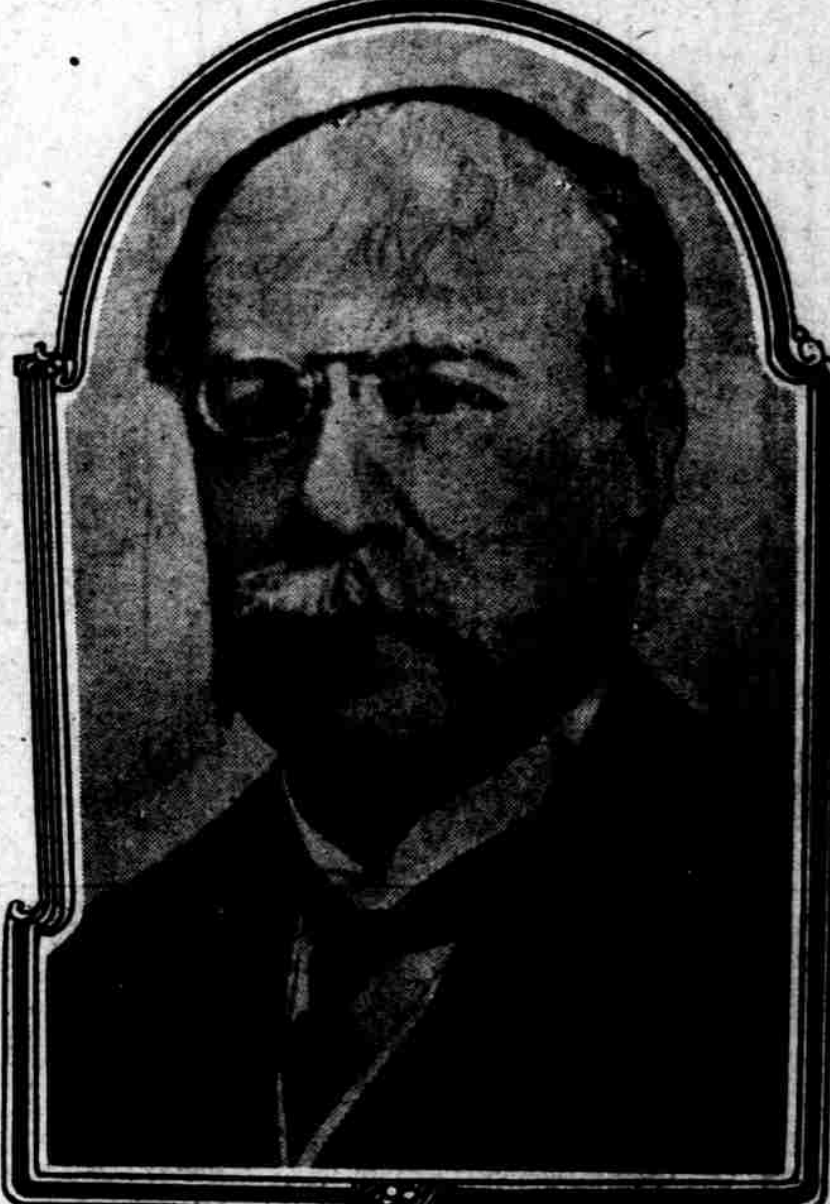
Lewis E. Smoot of Twenty-first and Wisconsin avenue, must cut off a bay window to his house extending over the lot line of his neighbor, Julia T. Heyl, the Supreme Court decided today.

Smoot contended that the bay window was a "party wall" permitted under the District building regulations. The Supreme Court affirmed the District Court of Appeals finding that the window was not a party wall.

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VASQUEZ TAGLE, Military Prosecuting Attorney.

## ONLY WITNESS TO MADERO'S MURDER SAW NO RESCUERS

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 24.—How Madero and Suarez, late President and Vice President of the Mexican republic, went to their death with no other guard than that of a few picked men from the corps of rurales, who rode with the two martyrs in two automobiles, and how they were shot in the dark behind the walls of the Mexican city penitentiary, is told by the only disinterested witness of the tragedy.

He is a reporter on a Mexican newspaper, who, doubting the peaceful intentions of the provisional government, kept close watch on the palace until he saw the death cars with their load of prisoners and rural police speed forth to the scene of the shooting.

He was late at the place, having been outdistanced by the speeding automobiles, but he came in time to find the bodies of the two prisoners being carried from the field where they had fallen, and saw no signs of the rescue party of which the provisional government speaks, nor of the guard of 100 rurales of which the government boasts.

DISTURBED CLAIMS OF HUERTA.

All day this reporter hung about the palace. At dusk the friend who had posted him told him that for some reason the authorities had determined not to transfer Madero and Suarez from the palace to the penitentiary until Sunday.

Disturbing this information, the reporter persisted in his watch. Taking a post in the park in front of the Cathedral, he kept watch on the three entrances of the palace and the portal from the war department into the Calle Moneda.

At 11:15 o'clock he saw the doors of the war department into the Calle Moneda swing open. Two automobiles came out with a short space between them. Under the bright light of the electric arc over the door he could distinguish plainly in the first car the short, black-headed figure of Francisco I. Madero. Next to him in the tonneau sat an officer, who proved to be Major Juan Cardenas, of the Seventh Rural Battalion. Another officer of the Rural Battalion, who was a soldier's uniform.

In the second car, as it rolled out under the electric light, the reporter could recognize the long, lanky form of Jose Pino Suarez, with his stooped shoulders and hooked nose. Another officer of the rurales sat beside Suarez, whose chauffeur also was a soldier.

Chaufeurs Put On Speed.

"The automobiles came out of the war department exit so fast," said the reporter today, "that in turning to the right to go toward the penitentiary, one of them could not make the curve and ran up on the sidewalk on the opposite side of the street."

"I had about given up my watch at 11 o'clock, when every light in the palace excepting in the office of the guard, had been put out," continued the reporter.

There were no coaches in the plaza; all that I could do was to follow on foot. I ran up the Calle Moneda as fast as I could, but the automobiles were out of sight before I could reach the entrance of the war department. I started in pursuit toward the penitentiary, knowing that it must be the destination of the machines.

Followed To Penitentiary.

The shortest route to the penitentiary is to follow out the Calle Moneda a dozen blocks, then cut through side streets to the left, coming out on the Calle Lecumberria, a fairly wide cobbled street, lined with poor houses and little shops. The Lecumberria ends at the front entrance of the penitentiary. Houses are scattered among vacant lots as one approaches the prison, which fronts a wide, unoccupied space.

## ISSUES ORDERS TO MOVE 8,000 SOLDIERS

Action Decided Upon at Conference of Officials at the White House Today.

TROOPS TOLD TO ENTRAIN

Instructions Sent to Various Posts in West, and Troops Will Leave at Once.

Orders for 8,000 men of the United States infantry and cavalry to entrain with the greatest speed possible for Galveston, Tex., have been issued this afternoon, following a brief conference between Secretary of War Stimson and the President, the conclusion of which was that more troops should be made ready for intervention in Mexico, if after next Tuesday Governor Wilson should decide upon such a step.

All orders necessary were drafted and signed at the office of the chief of staff at 1:30 o'clock.

Troops Affected.

The troops affected by the orders are the Fourth and Sixth Brigades of the Second Division, and the Third and Fourteenth Regiments of the Cavalry. The Fourth Brigade, which is stationed at Chicago, where Major General Carter is command of the Second Division, comprises the Twenty-third Infantry, stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana; the Twenty-sixth Infantry, the First and Third Battalions, and the machine gun platoon stationed at Fort Wayne, Mich., and the Second Battalion, at Fort Brady, Michigan, and the Twenty-seventh Infantry, now at Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

The Sixth brigade comprises the Eleventh Infantry at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo.; the Twenty-second Infantry at Fort Bliss, and the Second Battalion, at Fort Brady, Michigan, and the Twenty-third Infantry, headquarters, and second and third battalions of which are at Fort Mackenzie, Wyo., and the first battalion and machine gun platoon at Fort Bliss.

The Third Cavalry at Fort Sam Houston for several days past. The Fourteenth Cavalry is at Fort Riley, Kan. The movement of these men to Galveston will concentrate at that point within the next sixty hours at least 12,000 men.

May Land Other Troops.

It is not improbable that other troops will be ordered from the West, so that the troops concentrated in Texas will almost reach in numbers the large mobilization of two years ago.

Orders were issued late last week to the Fourth Brigade to hold itself in readiness for movement. The expedition with which the orders to the Fourth Brigade were issued by the War Department indicates that all of the men affected by the orders to be issued this afternoon will be on their way within twenty-four hours after the order has reached the commander.

The killing of Madero and Suarez yesterday only accentuated the need for a most complete state of preparedness for intervention in Mexican affairs and is an extension of the policy of preparation laid down when orders were issued to the First Brigade ten days ago to hold itself in readiness for entrainment.

The orders completing the movement (Continued on Fourth Page.)

DYNAMITE WRECKS SCRANTON FACTORY

Police Believe Blast Resulted From Troubles Between Laborers and "Boss."

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 24.—An explosion of dynamite early today partly destroyed the building of the Scranton Tobacco Company, in course of construction at Spride and Franklin avenues, and shattered windows in several dwellings and business houses in the immediate vicinity.

The police are positive, they say, that dynamite was exploded under the building with criminal intent, and are today searching for a discharged laborer who last week assaulted Contractor M. J. Ruddy, in charge of construction, and threatened to blow up the building.

For three months there has been a strike of the Hodecarriers and Building Laborers' Union against Ruddy. The damage will not exceed \$100.

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## MONROE DICTUM THREATENED BY MEXICAN CRISIS

Change or Abandonment Sure to Be Issue in Congress in Case of Intervention.

IS DISCUSSED BY SENATORS

Responsibilities of the Southern Situation and Tone of British Press Raise Question.

The question of the actual abandonment of the Monroe doctrine, or substantial modification of it, is almost certain to be discussed seriously in Congress in case the Mexican situation should reach the point where a measure authorizing armed intervention is considered.

The truth is that discussion of the Monroe doctrine is going on among Senators in the cloak rooms with a startling frankness. Sentiments for its abandonment are expressed by some of the Senators with an emphasis that would surprise the public if they knew of it.

British View Has Influence.

This does not mean that in an emergency Congress would not go to the defense of the Monroe doctrine with what ever steps seemed essential. But it does mean that thinking men in Congress are wondering whether we have not outgrown the time when we need fear no other foreign power in Latin America.

The appalling responsibility which the Mexican situation puts on this doctrine is a subject which has been discussed in the Senate in the most candid manner.

The tone of the British press, which is urging the United States to intervene in view of the situation in Mexico, is a factor in inducing responsible men in Congress to ponder the question all the more deeply.

World Looks to United States.

The feeling is strong at the Capitol that in spite of itself, the United States is being crowded nearer and nearer to intervention in Mexico, the result of which will be a cost in lives, money and sacrifices that even the annexation of Mexico could not repay. Not only Mexico, but the United States is in honor, but the Monroe doctrine results in the whole world looking to the United States to see that no hostile power is made a forerunner.

Publicly, Senators are not inveighing against the Monroe doctrine. But how many of them would be glad if Germany or any other nation undertook the task of restoring order in the republic to the south.

"The Germans are good people," he said, "what harm would it possibly do to us if they went in there, established peace, and even took over territory? They would have to pay for it, and then, and it would be a vast improvement over the present situation."

SEGREGATION URGED IN CITY'S SCHOOLS

Social Purity League Asks to Have Boys and Girls Put in Separate Buildings.

Resolution requesting the District school board to segregate the male and female pupils in the public schools of Washington, and, so far as possible, have teachers of the same sex as the scholars, were adopted by the Social Purity League in a special meeting held yesterday. The change is requested because, in the opinion of the members of the league, it is to the best interest of the community at large.

The school board is urged to segregate the pupils by the time schools open next fall. The society not only does not want the boys and girls in the same room, but asks that they be put into separate buildings.

In view of the opposition that may come up against the change, the members of the Social Purity Club have pledged themselves to circulate arguments for the change among the taxpayers of the District and start a movement for the segregation which will force the school board to adopt their plan.

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